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To: Members of the Community Interested in the:

Rules and Regulations for Licensing Hospice Care (R23-17-HPC)

From: Raymond Rusin, Chief

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Attached for your review please find a copy of **DRAFT** *Rules and Regulations for Licensing Hospice Care.* Generally, the purpose of the amendments is to include new provisions for facilities providing hospice inpatient care.

Because of your interest and expertise in these matters, the Department would appreciate your review of the attached DRAFT regulations and welcomes any comments you may have concerning the proposed revisions. An *informal* community review meeting is scheduled on this matter for: **Tuesday**, **November 14**, **2006** at **10:00** a.m. in the **Health Policy Forum** of the Cannon Building (on the lower level).

If you have any questions about the proposed regulations, or wish to submit written comments in advance of the meeting, please direct them to me: **Raymond.Rusin@health.ri.gov or** 401-222-2566.

Please feel free to circulate additional copies of this document, as needed. Upon request, for persons with disabilities, copies of these proposed regulations are also available in Braille, large print, audio cassette, and electronic file (computer disk). Contact the Division of Health Services Regulation (401-222-1039 or RI Relay dial 711) if you need such assistance. These regulations also appear on the Department's website: www.health.ri.gov/hsr/regulations/index.php and the Secretary of State's website: www.sec.state.ri.us/rules.

Your participation is appreciated. *Thank you.*

Attachment